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## **Unemployment Compensation Bill Passes the Florida House**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the passing of CS/CS/HB 7005 Unemployment Compensation out of the Florida House.

"In these challenging economic times, the House has done its part to provide needed tax relief to Florida businesses. The bill reforms an outdated Unemployment Compensation System in an effort to stop the catastrophic affects of the current UC system on our economic growth. The bill brings consistency and fairness to the UC system by providing critical tax relief, adjusting UC benefits to reality, and clarifying workplace expectations.

"Our state is experiencing one of most challenging budget shortfalls in recent Florida history. While understanding our tough financial situation, we are still providing unemployment compensation benefits to those out of work, and going further to provide tools to help out-of-work Floridians.

"Our focus is getting Floridians back to work. By providing tax relief to Florida's business community, we are helping those directly responsible for providing Floridians jobs.